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CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES

Nova #3912: Forensics on Trial

Airdate: 10/17/12, 9pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: There is a startling gap between the glamorous television world of "CSI" and the gritty reality of the forensic crime lab. With few established scientific standards, no central oversight and poor regulation of examiners, forensics in the U.S. is in a state of crisis. In "Forensics on Trial," NOVA investigated how modern forensics, including the analysis of fingerprints, bite marks, ballistics, hair, and tool marks, can send innocent men and women to prison -- and sometimes even to death row. Shockingly, of more than 250 inmates exonerated by DNA testing over the last decade, more than 50% of the wrongful convictions stemmed from invalid or improperly handled forensic science. With the help of vivid recreations of actual trials and cases, NOVA investigated today's shaky state of crime science as well as cutting-edge solutions that could help investigators put the real criminals behind bars.

Nova Science Now #602: Can Science Stop Crime

Airdate: 10/17/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In this program, scientists were challenged to explain how technology not only solves horrific murders but also might prevent crimes from happening. The program discussed the latest techniques, from unraveling the clues embedded in a decomposing corpse, to detecting lies by peering directly into a suspect's brain, to tracking the creation of a criminal mind.

What Next After Newtown: What Our Country and Communities Can Do

Airdate: 12/12/12, 8pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In light of the recent events in Newtown, this special provided an in-depth analysis of related issues, including accessibility of weapons, violence in the media, public policy, mental issues, and school security, and features a variety of perspectives in an effort to spark a nationwide conversation about long-term solutions. The program was co-anchored by Need to Know co-hosts Jeff Greenfield and Maria Hinojosa, and Nightly Business Report co-anchor Susie Gharib, among other prominent newscasters.

THE ECONOMY

Independent Lens #1401: Park Avenue: Money, Power & the American Dream

Airdate: 11/12/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alex Gibney ("Taxi to the Dark Side," "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room") presented his take on the gap between rich and poor Americans in "Park Avenue: Money, Power & the American Dream." Gibney contended that America's richest citizens have "rigged the game in their favor," and created unprecedented inequality in the United States. Nowhere,

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Gibney asserted in this program, is this more evident than on Park Avenue in New York. 740 Park in Manhattan is currently home to the highest concentration of billionaires in the country. Across the river, less than five miles away, Park Avenue runs through the South Bronx, home to the poorest congressional district in the United States. Throughout this film, Gibney explored why, while income disparity has always existed in the U.S., it has accelerated sharply over the last 40 years. As of 2010, the 400 richest Americans controlled more wealth than the bottom 50 percent of the populace -- 150 million people. In the film, Gibney explained why he believes upward mobility is increasingly out of reach for the poor.

Frontline #3024: Poor Kids

Airdate: 11/20/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: These are hard times in the Quad Cities, a great American crossroads along the border of Iowa and Illinois, where the Mississippi River intersects Interstate 80. This area, situated in the country's breadbasket and home to John Deere manufacturing, is an area deeply scarred by the recession. FRONTLINE spent months following three young girls who are growing up against the backdrop of their families' struggles against financial ruin. The result is an intimate portrait of the economic crisis as it's rarely seen, through the eyes of children. At a time when one in five American children lives below the poverty line, Poor Kids presented an unflinching and revealing exploration of what poverty means to children, and to the country's future.

Testing Milton Friedman #101-103

Airdate: #101: 12/15/12, 1pm; #102: 12/22/12, 1pm; #103: 12/29/12, 1pm

Length: 60-minutes each

Description: Testing Milton Friedman revisited some of the basic ideas championed by economist and Nobel laureate Milton Friedman in his 1980 PBS series and bestselling book Free To Choose:

#101: Equality of Opportunity - Panelists explored Friedman's ideas and the possible implications of equality of opportunity and equality of outcome. The panelists included: author, syndicated columnist and the John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University, Walter Williams; Senior Policy Analyst at Reason Foundation, Shikha Dalmia; political blogger Matthew Yglesias; and President and Advocacy Director of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, John Bouman.

#102: Government Control - This episode discussed what can occur when legislators, often in collusion with big business, intervene in the market. This program featured author and syndicated columnist and a Director at the George W. Bush Institute, Amity Shlaes; Professor of Economics at George Mason University, Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center and author Bryan Caplan; former Chief Economist for President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, a member of the Obama Cabinet and Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, Austan Goolsbee; and Pulitzer Prizewinning journalist from the Chicago Tribune, Clarence Page.

#103: Free Markets - In this episode, panelists discussed the classic explanations and demonstrations of the workings and benefits of a free market and economic freedom. The panel was composed of the following individuals: the George J. Stigler Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago and a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Kevin Murphy; the Eric J. Gleacher Professor of Finance at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business and an economic advisor to the Prime Minister of India, Raghuram Rajan; author and Professor of International Political Economy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Dani Rodrik; Professor of Economics at the University of California at Berkeley and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in the Clinton administration, Brad DeLong.

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Moyers & Company #149: Fiscal Cliffs and Fiscal Realities

Airdate: 12/16/12, 6pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Independent political and economic analysts Bruce Bartlett and Yves Smith joined Bill in a discussion that's become as rare as it is necessary -- why are Washington insiders talking about the deficit crisis and not the jobs crisis? Bartlett, former advisor to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush, got into hot water with fellow conservatives when he aired concerns about the direction of their ideology and wrote critically of the second George Bush. His most recent book is *The Benefit and The Burden: Tax Reform -- Why We Need It, and What It Will Take*. Yves Smith, who spent more than 25 years in the financial services industry, is the founder and editor of the popular blog Naked Capitalism, and runs a successful management consulting firm. Following the conversation, Bill shared his perspective on one of the most corrupt D.C. fixtures -- the revolving door between Washington leadership and lobbying.

ELECTION ISSUES / NATIONAL POLITICS

PBS Newshour Debates #201: A Special Report :2012 – Presidential Debate

Airdate: 10/3/12, 9pm

Length: 120-minutes

Description: The Newshour presented live coverage and analysis of the first presidential candidates' debate, moderated by Jim Lehrer, Executive Editor of the PBS NewsHour, - from the University of Denver, Denver, CO.

PBS Newshour Debates #202: A Special Report: 2012 – Vice Presidential Debate

Airdate: 10/11/12, 9pm

Length: 120-minutes

Description: The Newshour presented live coverage and analysis of the vice presidential candidates' debate from Centre College, Danville, KY. Martha Raddatz, Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent, ABC News, was moderator.

PBS Newshour Debates #203: A Special Report :2012 – Presidential Debate

Airdate: 10/16/12, 9pm

Length: 120-minutes

Description: The Newshour presented live coverage and analysis of the second presidential candidates' debate moderated by Candy Crowley, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN and Anchor, CNN's State of the Union, from Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY.

PBS Newshour Debates #204: A Special Report :2012 – Presidential Debate

Airdate: 10/22/12, 9pm

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Description: The Newshour presented live coverage and analysis of the third presidential candidates' debate moderated by Bob Schieffer, Chief Washington Correspondent, CBS News and Moderator, Face the Nation, from Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL.

Electoral Dysfunction

Airdate: 10/3/12, 1:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: This documentary used humor to take an irreverent - but nonpartisan -- look at voting in America. The film starred political humorist Mo Rocca, a correspondent for *CBS Sunday Morning*, a panelist on NPR's hit quiz show *Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!* and a former correspondent for *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*. The film opened as Rocca made an eye-opening discovery: the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee the right to vote. He sets out to learn why the Founding Fathers deliberately omitted the right to vote from the Constitution -- and to understand the consequences of this decision. His quest lead him to Indiana, which has the strictest voting laws in the country. There, he met with two impassioned local activists -- Republican Dee Dee Benkie of Versailles and Democrat Mike Marshall of North Vernon -- who took him inside their efforts to turn out every vote. As he progressed on his journey, Rocca encountered a range of activists, experts and election administrators, along with some highly opinionated third graders, who offered a broad range of commentary on how voting works -- or doesn't work -- in America.

PBS Newshour #10470

Airdate: 10/5/12, 7pm

Segment length: 12:51

Description: Shields and Brooks focused on close Congressional races, as well as Obama's Debate Performance. Judy Woodruff spoke with NewsHour political analysts Mark Shields and David Brooks on the top political news of the week, including the tight Missouri senate race, as well as other close contests; the latest, more optimistic jobs report; and what factors may have contributed to President Obama's performance at the first debate.

Moyers & Company #139: Hispanic America's Turn

Airdate: 10/7/12, 6pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: By 2050, Hispanics are projected to number 132 million and represent 30% of the population. As that population evolves, so does their political power. A new report by the Pew Hispanic Center shows that since 2008, America's Latino voting population has grown 22% since 2008. But what are the cultural and political implications of these now well-understood statistics? Moyers & Company went beyond the numbers with two of our nation's most popular and influential journalists: Univision's Jorge Ramos and Maria Elena Salinas. Univision, a Spanish-language U.S. television network, has the largest audience of Spanish-language television viewers, according to Nielsen ratings. Ramos, says *The Washington Monthly*, is "the broadcaster who will most determine the 2012 elections," while *The New York Times* calls Salinas "the voice of Hispanic America." In a candid and comprehensive discussion, Ramos and Salinas discussed their responsibilities both as reporters and representatives of their culture, their aggressive journalistic approaches to both President Obama and Governor Romney, and their strong takes on immigration issues that mean so much to a potentially-decisive voting bloc in 2012. "We are changing the face of America. It's not black and white anymore. We're changing the way we eat. We're changing the way people dance, the way people speak. And we're changing the way people vote." Ramos tells Bill. "No one can make it to the White House now without the Hispanic vote -- that's

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completely new." This year, Ramos and Salinas received the Lifetime Achievement Emmy Award - the first Hispanics ever to earn the honor.

Independent Lens #1402: As Goes Janesville

Airdate: 10/8/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: From the day the GM factory closes through a showdown with national resonance at the state capitol, "As Goes Janesville" traced the impact of the economic crisis on the people of Janesville, Wisconsin. The film recorded two years in the lives of laid-off workers, business leaders and elected officials all trying to reinvent their lives and their Midwestern town amid the closure of their GM plant and America's worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The story began shortly after the factory closed in 2008 and continues through a standoff between the newly-elected governor and 14 Democratic state senators, one of whom was a main character in the film.

Frontline #3101: The Choice 2012

Airdate: 10/9/12, 9pm

Length: 120-minutes

Description: It's been called the starkest choice in years, between two men with sharply different backgrounds, views, and prescriptions for fixing the country's problems. Mitt Romney and Barack Obama have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to tell their own stories, but in The Choice 2012, FRONTLINE went far beyond the headlines on a journey deep into their worlds, among their friends and family, critics, and closest colleagues, to understand what drives these men. Based on dozens of new interviews and hundreds of hours of research, FRONTLINE's authoritative profiles emerged in this program to form portrait of America in an era of uncertainty.

Race 2012

Airdate: 10/16/12, 8pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: The 2012 presidential election provided Americans the opportunity to write the next chapter in our nation's racial narrative. "Race 2012" used the presidential election as a lens through which to examine America's increasingly complex racial landscape. With a frank, behind-the-scenes approach, the documentary navigated the high-stakes world of racial pollsters, strategists, spin doctors and candidates as they compete for voters of many ethnic and racial groups.

Frontline #3020: Big Sky, Big Money

Airdate: 10/30/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In a special investigation in collaboration with Marketplace, FRONTLINE traveled to the remote epicenter of the campaign finance debate for a tale of money, politics, and intrigue. FRONTLINE correspondent and Marketplace host Kai Ryssdal reported on how has the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision has altered campaigns in America.

Election 2012: What's at Stake

Airdate: 11/2/12, 9pm

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Description: This special, a collaboration between "Need to Know," "PBS NewsHour," "Frontline" and "Washington Week," focused on the most important issues at stake in the 2012 election.

PBS Newshour Election Night 2012: A Special Report

Airdate: 11/6/12, 8pm

Length: 6hrs-15min.

Description: This program offered live coverage of the 2012 Presidential Election night results with Newshour senior correspondents Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff as co-anchors.

ENVIRONMENT

MetroFocus Storm Special

Airdate: 10/30/12, 9:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Co-produced by NJTV's *NJ Today* and THIRTEEN's *MetroFocus* news programs and anchored by veteran journalists Mike Schneider and Rafael Pi Roman, this half-hour special assessed the impact of hurricane Sandy on both sides of the Hudson.

New Environmentalists: From Kenya to the Arctic Circle

Airdate: 11/10/12, 1pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: The New Environmentalists: From Kenya to the Arctic Circle was the latest installment of the Emmy award winning series featuring portraits of six passionate and dedicated activists. They are true environmental heroes who have placed themselves squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries, while often creating partnerships with unlikely allies. The New Environmentalists share a common goal, safeguarding the Earth's natural resources from exploitation and pollution, while fighting for environmental justice in their communities.

The Dust Bowl #101: The Great Plow Up

Airdate: 11/18/12, 8pm

Length: 120-minutes

Description: This program revealed the full force of the worst manmade environmental disaster in America's history as survivors recall the terror of the dust storms, the desperation of hungry families and how they managed to find hope even as the earth and heavens seemed to turn against them.

The Dust Bowl #102: Reaping the Whirlwind

Airdate: 11/19/12, 8pm

Length: 120-minutes

Description: In the second episode of Ken Burns's DUST BOWL, viewers experienced the gradual relief as the families of the plains seek new lives in California and government conservation efforts - and a break in the drought in 1939 - eventually stabilize the soil and bring the farms back to life, but with dangers of another Dust Bowl facing future generations.

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Nova #3916: Inside the Megastorm

Airdate: 11/21/12, 9pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Experts, scientists and survivors discussed Hurricane Sandy and the future of storm protection: Was Hurricane Sandy a freak combination of weather systems? Or are hurricanes increasing in intensity due to a warming climate? How did this perfect storm make search and rescue so dangerous? "Inside the Megastorm" took viewers moment by moment through Hurricane Sandy, its impacts, and the future of storm protection. Through first person accounts from those who survived, and from experts and scientists, "Inside the Megastorm" gave scientific context to a new breed of storms.

HEALTH/HEALTHCARE ISSUES

The Heart of the Matter

Airdate: 10/6/12, 1pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: The Heart of the Matter examined America's #1 birth defect - congenital heart defects. Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs), occur in approximately one out every 100 live births in the U.S. The documentary featured information about the disease; its history, present and future. The story was told through interviews with leading congenital heart specialists in the United States: doctors, nurses, scientists, patients and families. The focus of the documentary is a call for greater public awareness of America's #1 birth defect and the need for more research that will ultimately lead to better detection, increased survival rates, improved quality of life and, hopefully, eradicate congenital heart defects altogether.

Arts & The Mind #101 & #102

Airdate: #101: 11/13/12, 2pm; #102: 11/20/12, 2pm

Length: 6 60-minutes

Description: Hosted by Lisa Kudrow, this two-part special revealed the crucial impact of the arts on the human brain across our lifetimes and explores its particularly vital role in human development during youth and older age. The series shares stories of how music, dance, painting, poetry and theater markedly improve well-being at both ends of life, and reveals the cutting-edge science that explains the powerful, positive impact of the arts on our brains. Showcasing some of the nation's most innovative and successful arts programs plus the work of leading American educators and scientists, ARTS & THE MIND illuminates: how the arts can improve children's school performance, and keep our brains agile and sharp into old age; how teenagers find meaning and hope through poetry at a renowned Los Angeles program supported by actor Tim Robbins; how the arts help heal children in hospitals and older veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder; why one of America's leading Alzheimer's researchers advises that dance is the single most effective way to ward off dementia.

Frontline #3023: The Suicide Plan

Airdate: 11/13/12, 9:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

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Description: In this film, Frontline explored the shadow world of assisted suicide, where the lines between legality and criminality are blurred as never before. With intimate access to decisions near the end of life, FRONTLINE takes viewers inside one of the most polarizing social issues of our time -- told not only by the people choosing to die, but also by their "assisters," individuals and right-to-die organizations at risk of prosecution for their actions to hasten death.

Super Brain with Dr. Rudy Tanzi

Airdate: 12/8/12, 8:30am, 6:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: In his new program, SUPER BRAIN, Harvard Medical School professor Rudy Tanzi, introduced by his co-author Dr. Deepak Chopra, took advantage of cutting-edge research to show the way we all can maximize our brain's potential. This program explored new discoveries in neuroscience that maximize the potential of the human brain in practical and actionable ways. The field of neuroscience has been exploding with new findings by the day. Ever since it became possible to view the human brain as it lights up with activity, researchers have had to change long-held assumptions about an organ that has been called "the three-pound universe."

Independent Lens #1303: Lives Worth Living

Airdate: 12/17/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Fred Fay's life proves that one man can change the world, even though he has to lie flat on his back just to stay alive. This program looked at Fay's struggle to survive after a spinal cord injury and the small group of dedicated activists who formed the Disability Rights Movement to drive the nation towards equal rights.

Cry for Help

Airdate: 12/18/12, 8pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program presented first person stories from teenagers about depression, anxiety and mental illness. From teens struggling with depression and suicide to parents unaware of what may be troubling their own child to those on the frontlines of prevention and care, "Cry for Help" provides a look at mental illness among young adults. In their own words, the program documents their stories, their emotional struggles, their lives in crisis and, in the process, discovers a new understanding of their world.

Frontline #3018: Dollars and Dentists

Airdate: 12/18/12, 10:30pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Dental care can be a matter of life and death. Yet millions of Americans can't afford a visit to the dentist. This investigation by Frontline and the Center for Public Integrity revealed the shocking consequences of a broken safety net. Poor children, entitled by law to dental care, often cannot find a dentist willing to see them. Other kids receive excessive care billed to Medicaid or major surgery for preventable tooth infections. For adults with dental disease, the situation can be as dire -- and bankrupting. While millions of Americans use emergency rooms for dental care, at a cost of more than half a billion dollars, corporate dental chains are filling the gaps in care, in some cases allegedly overcharging patients or loading them with high priced credit card debt. In this program, correspondent Miles O'Brien investigated the flaws in our dental system and nascent proposals to fix them.

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HERITAGE/MINORITY/CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES

Israel Inside

Airdate: 10/7/12, 2:30pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Former Harvard lecturer, Dr. Tal Ben Shahar, examined the core character strengths that have enable Israelis to overcome challenges and turn a barren desert into a flourishing nation.

Jewish People: A Story of Survival

Airdate: 11/29/12, 8:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: This program explored the story of Jewish survival as, against overwhelming odds a band of desert nomads survived four millennia and shaped world history.

Dudu Fisher: In Concert from Israel

Airdate: 12/5/12, 8pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: The talented David "Dudu" Fisher, best known for his stirring portrayal of Jean Valjean in Les Miserables, performed a collection of Broadway tunes and traditional and contemporary Israeli songs in this intimate concert recorded at a 200-seat amphitheater in Beit Sha'an, Israel. Songs included selections from Les Miserables, Fiddler on the Roof, Exodus and Yentl ("Papa Can You Hear Me?"), "Hatikvah" (the Israeli national anthem) and "Kol Nidrei" (a traditional Jewish prayer and cantorial melody).

Moyers & Company #139: Hispanic America's Turn

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Voces on PBS #102: Escaramuza: Riding from the Heart

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Description: This program explored how a team of first-generation Mexican American girls construct their identities through a romanticized equestrian tradition, while facing challenges at home, and amidst escalating violence in Mexico.

Voces on PBS #103: Unfinished Spaces

Airdate: 10/14/12, 7pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In 1961, in the heady first days of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro asked three visionary architects to build the Cuban National Arts Schools on what had been the golf course of a country club. Before construction was completed, the Revolution became Sovietized, and suddenly the project was denounced as bourgeois and counter-revolutionary. These radical, magnificent buildings become a prism through which this program showed the turbulent, ever-shifting history of Castro's Cuba and followed the fates of the three architects, now in their 80s, who may get a second chance to revitalize their utopian project.

Healthy Heritage Kitchen – Kwanzaa Edition

Airdate: 12/23/12, 12:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Healthy Heritage Kitchen demonstrated healthy versions of traditional holiday meals for ethnic communities. Hosted by Wilbert Jones, a Chicago based chef and food product developer, this program demonstrated how to prepare healthy recipes for Kwanzaa. Many ethnic American communities suffer from diet related illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease. The holiday season provides little relief. This program introduced some simple substitutions that viewers can use to lighten up their holiday culinary celebrations. Wilbert Jones introduced ingredients used in his recipes for Spoon Bread, Seafood Stew and Pecan Coconut pie that present alternative ways to cut cholesterol, sodium, and fat. Later in the program, Wilbert Jones was joined by Sira Williams to discuss the celebration of Kwanza.

POV #2509: El Velador (The Night Watchman)

Airdate: 10/14/12, 11pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Award-winning director Natalia Almada ("Al Otro Lado," POV, 2005; "El General," POV, 2009) created this film which accompanied Martin, a guard who watches over the extravagant mausoleums of some of Mexico's most notorious drug lords. In the labyrinth of the cemetery, this film about violence without violence reminded us that, amid the turmoil of a drug war that has claimed more than 50,000 lives, ordinary existence persists in Mexico and quietly defies the dead.

Voces on PBS #104: Lemon

Airdate: 10/21/12, 7pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: When Lemon Andersen held a Tony Award in his hands for his work in Russell Simmons' Def Poetry Jam on Broadway, it was close to a miracle. This poet/performer was a three-time felon who'd achieved more than anyone could have ever imagined. But when the show closed, he lost everything and moved his wife and two small daughters back to the projects. In desperation, he turned to the only thing he had left -- his pen and his past. This program follows this one man's journey to bring his life story to the New York stage while battling his darkest demons.

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LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER ISSUES

In the Life #2201: Beyond Rhetoric

Airdate: 10/4/12, 10:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: In the Life examined the evolution of anti-gay rhetoric, and the reality beyond the spin.

Independent Lens #1403: Love Free or Die

Airdate: 10/29/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program explored how faith, love, marriage, homosexuality and the Episcopal Church collide in the first openly gay Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. Robinson is a man whose two primary passions are in direct conflict: his love for God and for his partner Mark. Robinson is the first openly gay person to become a bishop in the historic traditions of Christendom. His consecration by the Episcopal Church in 2003, to which he wore a bullet-proof vest, caused an international stir. He becomes the focal point as American churches debate whether or not lesbian and gay people are equal to heterosexuals in the eyes of God, while the United States at large struggles with legal equality for gays and lesbians.

In the Life #2202: Foster Care's Invisible Youth

Airdate: 11/8/12, 10:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: There are approximately 400,000 youth in foster care in the United States. A disproportionate number of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) children end up in the system, though an exact count is unknown. In this episode of IN THE LIFE, seven LGBTQ youth from the foster care system shared their stories. Failed by their families, these young people go on to face rejection from foster families, invisibility within the system and incredible obstacles to healthy development.

In the Life #2203:

Airdate: 12/27/12, 10:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: At a time when lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people were virtually invisible in media, In the Life became the first to bring real stories, struggles and issues about the LGBT experience into living rooms across the country. In this episode, the pioneering program looks at highlights from its 20 years on public television.

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Charlie Rose #18201

Airdate: 10/1/12, 11pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program featured a discussion about the controversial new Barclays Center in Brooklyn--a billion-dollar arena hosting the Nets basketball team--with Mikhail Prokhorov, owner of the Brooklyn Nets; Irina Prokhorov, head of the Cultural Initiatives Foundation; Bruce Ratner, real estate developer; and Karen Brooks Hopkins, President of BAM.

MetroFocus #303

Airdate: 10/25/12, 8:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: As New York City prepared for local elections, this program explored how changes in ethnic communities were being mapped. Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate and author of the current bestseller "The Price of Inequality," spoke with host Rafael Pi Roman.

New York Business Report with Michael Stoler #106

Airdate: 10/26/12, 10am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This program consisted of interviews and panel discussions with third, fourth & fifth generation business leaders from Manhattan's Lower East Side's. Guests included Niki Russ Federman, 4th generation co-owner of Russ & Daughters; Aaron Gross, vice president of sales and marketing of Aron Streit Inc. Streit's Matzo Co.; and David Zarin, president of Zarin Fabrics..

New York Now #1243

Airdate: 10/27/12, 11:00am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This program featured a discussion and interview with U.S. Senate candidate Wendy Long.

MetroFocus Storm Special

Airdate: 10/30/12, 9:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Co-produced by NJTV's *NJ Today* and THIRTEEN's *MetroFocus* news programs and anchored by veteran journalists Mike Schneider and Rafael Pi Roman, this half-hour special assessed the impact of hurricane Sandy on both sides of the Hudson.

PBS Newshour #10489

Airdate: 11/1/12, 7pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program focused on superstorm Sandy recovery and how, up and down the New Jersey coast, towns began the long process of rebuilding their communities. Jeffrey Brown and Ray Suarez reported on the challenges facing affected communities. Hari Sreenivasan reported from Manhattan on the storm's impact on businesses.

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Charlie Rose #18225

Airdate: 11/2/12, 12M

Segment Length: 13:48

Description: New York City police commissioner Ray Kelly discussed his agency's efforts to deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and the newly announced cancellation of the weekend's scheduled marathon.

New York Now #1244

Airdate: 11/4/12, 11:00am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This program explored and recapped Governor Cuomo's response to Superstorm Sandy in NYC.

MetroFocus #304

Airdate: 11/8/12, 8:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: One week after Superstorm Sandy swept through the region, MetroFocus host Rafael Pi Roman reported from the Rockaways, Long Island. Business Report anchor Jim Paymar reported from Long Beach on Long Island. NJ Today correspondent Lauren Wanko reported from Belmar, NJ. The program surveyed the devastation and reported on the long road ahead for recovery. NJToday Managing Editor Mike Schneider offered the latest on what happened to New Jersey Transit. Rafael Pi Roman interviewed professor William Solecki, Director of the City University of New York's Institute for Sustainable Cities, on the storm's connection to climate change and the impact on the New York/New Jersey region, and Sheena Wright, the President and CEO of United Way NYC about how her organization is coordinating relief efforts and how to help the storm's victims. Two students from Columbia University's graduate school of journalism-- producer-reporter Jon Gerberg and producer Kristen Reed --reported from the public housing project, the Alfred Smith houses on Manhattan's lower east side about the blackout and continuing crisis for poor and elderly residents trapped by the hurricane.

MetroFocus #305

Airdate: 11/15/12, 8:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: As the Tri-state area recovered from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and the nor'easter, this program featured a report on people still without power on Manhattan's Lower East, with remarks from NY State Senator Daniel Squadron. Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism students Jon Gerberg and Kristen Reed visited Coney Island Gospel Assembly Church where people were using existing community organizations to broaden the reach of federal aid. The program featured an interview Peter Kelly-Detwiler, an independent energy consultant, who discussed the power grid and offers precautionary advice for the future. The program further featured conversations with Robert Walsh, New York City's Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services, about innovative solutions for businesses facing big costs after storm damage. Dr. Harold Koplewicz of the Child Mind Institute joined the program to discuss children coping after disaster scenarios.

New York Business Report with Michael Stoler #109

Airdate: 11/17/12, 10am

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Length: 30-minutes

Description: Interviews and panel discussions explored developing luxury condominiums in New York City with guests Peter D'Arcy, Group Vice President and Senior Group Manager at M&T Bank; Joseph A. McMillan, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of DDG; and Steven Witkoff, Chairman and CEO of The Witkoff Group.

New York Now #1246

Airdate: 11/18/12, 11:00am

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This program offered a recap of political news across the state at its Reporters Roundtable with Nick Reisman of YNN and Bill Hammond of the Daily News. Queens Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder gave New York Now's Matt Ryan a tour of his hard-hit 23rd district.

Metrofocus #306

Airdate: 12/6/12, 8:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: Hosted by Rafael Pi Roman, this edition of MetroFocus examined continuing issues around the aftermath of Sandy, including a look at the effects of mold in the homes of Sandy survivors and an update from two families from the Rockaways and Long Beach, NY. The program also examined how FEMA deals with scams through an interview with Philip Parr of FEMA. The episode further featured New Jersey's First Lady Mary Pat Christie and her relief fund for the future.

Metrofocus #307

Airdate: 12/20/12, 8:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This edition of MetroFocus featured an in depth, behind the scenes look at what happened when the power went out at New York hospitals. Reporter Rick Karr visited Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn where almost two months after the storm, there was still limited care available. Rafael Pi Roman followed the story with an interview with Pulitzer Prize winner Dr. Sheri Fink who documented the catastrophic failures in one New Orleans' hospital after Hurricane Katrina for the non-profit news organization Pro Publica, and whose reporting for the New York Times and pro Publica has raised questions about care for the region's most vulnerable populations in hospitals and nursing homes. NJToday managing editor Mike Schneider continued our coverage of Sandy's aftermath in an interview with former New Jersey Governor Christie Todd Whitman. NJToday's Lauren Wanko reported on how dunes may have saved the day in Bradley Beach. Former New York Mayor Ed Koch spoke with Rafael Pi Roman about the politics and the billions it will take to recover from Sandy, the upcoming mayoral race in the city, and his take on New York state politics. Finally, the program featured a MetroFocus solutions story from the ASPCA—how building a temporary shelter may be a permanent solution to the continuing problem of residents who won't evacuate when they have pets at home.

After Newtown

Airdate: 12/21/12, 8pm; 12/22/12, 9pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In this program, PBS continued to analyze and illuminate the issues sparked by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, including access to guns and the politics of gun laws, mental illness in

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young adults, the science of detecting violent impulses and how communities react to unspeakable tragedy and begin to heal. The special brought together the resources of the PBS Newshour, Frontline, Washington Week, Need to Know and Nova. Gwen Ifill anchored the broadcast, which included studio interviews and insightful discussion with regular contributors to Washington Week.

What Next After Newtown: What Our Country and Communities Can Do

Airdate: 12/22/12, 3pm

Length: 3 hrs.

Description: In light of the recent events in Newtown, this special provided an in-depth analysis of related issues, including accessibility of weapons, violence in the media, public policy, mental issues, and school security, and features a variety of perspectives in an effort to spark a nationwide conversation about long-term solutions. The program was co-anchored by Need to Know co-hosts Jeff Greenfield and Maria Hinojosa, and Nightly Business Report co-anchor Susie Gharib, among other prominent newscasters

LOCAL INTEREST

Treasures of New York #107: Art Underground

Airdate: 10/19/12, 9pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: In the last 25 years, the subway system has been transformed into a vast canvas for public art. This program took viewers behind the scenes with the artists, artisans and public officials involved with our transit system's makeover. The program was hosted by Paula Zahn.

Treasures of New York #112: Ocean Keeper

Airdate: 11/1/12, 8:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This documentary focused on the Amagansett Life-Saving Station, a unique centerpiece of Long Island history since it was built in 1902. The film journeyed through the Station's extraordinary 100-year-plus history and arrives at its present day incarnation on Atlantic Avenue. Over a period of 44 years, the dedicated men who worked at the Station saved thousands of lives. In 1942, four Nazi saboteurs were found by coastguardsman John Cullen during a nightly beach patrol in front of the Station. And in 1966, the building was rescued from demolition and purchased for a dollar by Joel Carmichael whose family lived there for the rest of the twentieth century. After Carmichael's death in 2006, the house was donated back to Amagansett for historical preservation.

Treasures of New York #108: The New York State Capitol

Airdate: 12/10/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program explored the story of the 1911 fire that destroyed much of the Capitol Building. The program further explored the extensive rebuilding and restoration left in the fire's wake.

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RELIGIOUS AWARENESS

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly #1609

Airdate: 11/3/12, 10:30am; 11/4/12, 5:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This program discussed the impact of Hurricane Sandy from a spiritual perspective. The destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy “is just as much a physical crisis as it is a spiritual and emotional crisis for people,” said Mike Ebert of the Southern Baptist Convention’s relief arm. The program further discussed religion’s place in the 2012 election, describing how evangelicals, Catholics, Mormons, and a growing number of religiously unaffiliated voters all played a part in Election 2012.

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly #1610

Airdate: 11/10/12, 10:30am; 11/11/12, 5:30pm

Length: 30-minutes

Description: This program further discussed the role of evangelicals, Catholics, and Mormons in politics and in the context of economic, social, and cultural issues as the fiscal cliff approaches. The program focused on how the Chabad Center of the Five Towns in Cedarhurst, New York has been providing up to 2,000 meals every day to Storm Sandy victims. Former US Navy SEAL, humanitarian, and nonprofit founder Eric Greitens discussed how the lessons of Judaism have shaped his life and taught him about humanity’s duty to repair the world.

Jewish People: A Story of Survival

Airdate: 11/29/12, 8:30pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: This program explored the story of Jewish survival and how, against overwhelming odds, a band of desert nomads survived four millennia and shaped world history.

Frontline #1610: From Jesus to Christ

Airdate: 12/4/12, 8pm

Length: 150-minutes

Description: Drawing upon new and sometimes controversial historical evidence, FRONTLINE transported viewers back two thousand years in this program, to the time and place where Jesus of Nazareth once lived and preached. The program challenged familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity as it traced the life of Jesus of Nazareth, exploring the message that helped his ministry grow and the events that led to his crucifixion around 30 C.E.

Picturing Mary

Airdate: 12/16/12, 2:30pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: For nearly two millennia, the Virgin Mary has inspired some of the finest achievements in painting, architecture, poetry and music. From tiny keepsakes to giant mosaics, artists including Michelangelo, Rembrandt and Caravaggio portrayed Mary as the sublime embodiment of womanhood, endowing her with all of humanity’s virtues, joys and sorrows. Narrated by actress Jane Seymour and

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featuring readings by actor James Keach, this program visited museums, chapels and cathedrals in eight countries to view rare and sacred masterpieces in their original locations. Drawing on various faiths and traditions, PICTURING MARY demonstrated, through local life and culture, how these images are as relevant to the faithful now as they were hundreds of years ago.

Christmas with The Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Jane Seymour

Airdate: 12/16/12, 8pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: Emmy and Golden Globe-winning actress Jane Seymour and Grammy Award-winning baritone Nathan Gunn joined the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in a magnificent Christmas special featuring some of the season's best-loved songs.

First Freedom: The Fight for Religious Liberty

Airdate: 12/18/12, 8pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: The right of freedom of religion in the United States instigated a fundamental shift in human history. No other aspect of the American Revolution was as intrepid in its own time, or ultimately, as influential worldwide. This program profiled the generation of colonial Americans who raised the ideal of religious freedom to the level of a fundamental human right.

The Face: Jesus in Art #101-102

Airdate: #101: 12/23/12, 12:30pm; #102: 12/23/12, 1:30pm

Length: 60-minutes each

Description: For centuries, the most influential artists painted portraits and sculpted monumental images of Jesus Christ, whose powerful and timeless image has had an immeasurable influence on global art and culture. Narrated by actor Edward Herrmann, THE FACE: JESUS IN ART traced the use of Jesus' image in art over a 2000-year period, from ancient Rome and 20th-century America to Europe and the Middle East. The documentary captured an unprecedented collection of art works from Michelangelo's Piet to the rock-carved churches of Cappadocia in the desert badlands of Turkey to the catacombs beneath Rome, where the earliest images of Jesus are viewed by candlelight.

Globe Trekker #1127: Holy Lands: Jerusalem & The West Bank

Airdate: 12/29/12, 4pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program delved into the region's religious, historical and political identity. The program featured the ancient city of Jerusalem and the Palestinian West Bank. It further explored one of the world's natural wonders, the Dead Sea.

VETERANS ISSUES & HISTORY

National Salute to Veterans 2012

Airdate: 11/11/12, 8pm

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Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program paid tribute to the courageous service of our 22 million American veterans. The program was hosted by actors Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise, NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERANS celebrated all our American heroes who have served throughout our country's history. The program featured new footage relating to the importance of Veterans Day, shot at the U.S. Capitol with co-hosts Mantegna and Sinise, as well as the "best of the best" moments from past concerts at the U.S. Capitol. The line-up included: Colin L. Powell USA (Ret.), Forest Whitaker, Pia Toscano, Kris Allen, A.J. Cook, Jason Ritter, Yolanda Adams and more, accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra.

Secrets of the Dead: Japanese Supersub

Airdate: 11/11/12, 7pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program explored how close Japan may have come to attacking America in the wake of World War II. Ten months after the end of World War II, an explosion rocked the Pacific off the coast of Hawaii. America had just destroyed one of Japan's most advanced weapons systems in an effort to keep it out of Russian hands. Japan had created an aircraft carrier submarine that could blow up the Panama Canal, reach the U.S. main land undetected, and unleash air attacks on American civilians.

WOMEN'S ISSUES & HISTORY

Half the Sky #101 & 102: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women

Airdate: #101: 10/1/12, 8pm; #102: 10/2/12, 8pm

Length: 120-minutes each

Description: Introduced by George Clooney and hosted by reporter Nicholas Kristof and celebrity advocates America Ferrera, Diane Lane, Eva Mendes, Meg Ryan, Gabrielle Union and Olivia Wilde, HALF THE SKY presented women and girls who are living under some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable -- and fighting bravely to change them. Their intimate, dramatic and immediate stories of struggle reflect viable and sustainable options for empowerment and offer an actionable blueprint for transformation. The series was filmed in 10 countries: Cambodia, Kenya, India, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Liberia and the United States.

American Masters #2503: Margaret Mitchell: American Rebel

Airdate: 10/12/12, 9pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program focused on Margaret Mitchell, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author behind *Gone With the Wind*, the best-selling novel that was adapted into one of the most enduring films of all time. This program explored how this charismatic American author challenged the stifling Southern social order and struggled with the changing role of women and the liberation of African Americans. She suffered from depression and illness and experienced profound identity shifts during her life, until an accident led to her death in 1949.

Voces on PBS #102: Escaramuza: Riding from the Heart

Airdate: 10/7/12, 7pm

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Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program explored how a team of first-generation Mexican American girls constructed their identities through a romanticized equestrian tradition while facing challenges in their homes and escalating violence throughout Mexico.

Ellen DeGeneres: The Mark Twain Prize

Airdate: 10/30/12, 8pm

Length: 90-minutes

Description: This special celebrated the work of Ellen DeGeneres, the 15th recipient of The Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, with a lineup of top entertainers including Kristin Chenoweth, Steve Harvey, Sean Hayes, Jimmy Kimmel, John Krasinski, John Leguizamo, Jane Lynch, Jason Mraz, Lily Tomlin, Loudon Wainwright.

Independent Lens #1404: Solar Mamas

Airdate: 11/5/12, 10pm

Length: 60-minutes

Description: This program explored India's Barefoot College, founded by Bunker Roy to provide rural women living in poverty with an education that empowers them to make their communities self-reliant and sustainable. The program followed Rafea -- a 30-year-old Jordanian mother of four -- as she traveled outside of her village for the first time to attend Barefoot's solar engineering program. Once there, she joined similarly-situated women from Guatemala, Kenya, Burkina Faso and Colombia to learn concrete skills to change their communities.